

II. REMARKS

Applicants submit this amendment and reply in response to a "non-Final" Office Action (mailed on February 22, 2005). Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for having withdrawn all of the rejections raised previously.

Applicants have addressed all of the Examiner's objections to the claims. Applicants have amended claims 24, 30, 31, 37, 38, and 42 as required by the Examiner's objections. Applicants have amended claims 24 and 30 by inserting the word "analyze" preceding the word "configuration" in the phrase "to configuration" and by striking the word "computerized" and replacing with the phrase "computer-implemented." Applicants have amended claims 31, 37, and 38 by inserting the word "analyze" preceding the word "configuration" in the phrase "to configuration." Applicants have amended claim 42 by inserting the word "analyze" preceding the word "configuration" in the phrase "to configuration" and by striking the word "to" in the phrase "execution to in said."

Applicants have made additional corrections to claims 28, 38, and 42. Applicants have amended claim 28 by striking the word "storing" in the phrase "following the storing step" and replacing it with the word "processing." Applicants have amended claims 38 and 42 by inserting the word "means" after the phrase "issues database."

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. This correction places the claims into better form for either allowance or for consideration on appeal.

The additional references cited in the newly-submitted IDS were cited in related continuation and continuation-in-part applications. The Examiner may wish to look at the following applications to see how the additional references are relevant: 10/152,556, 10/151,802, 10/151,803, 10/152,214, and 10/372,475. Reference U.S. No. 6,148,402 was discussed in the present application text.

Applicants believe that the present application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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